GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether JNPT constructed an electrical sub-station during the project stage at a cost of Rs.2.57 crore;

(b) if so, whether the sub-station was intended to feed 156 reefer sockets in the container terminal of the Port;

(c) whether JNPT showed an undue favour to a contractor in construction of electrical sub-station and thus incurred net expenditure of Rs.1.16 crore which was avoidable;

(d) if so, whether JNPT further handed over a strip of land to the contractor free of cost causing another loss of Rs.28.22 lakh to the Port;

(e) if so, whether the Government have enquired in to the matter; and

(f) if so, the action taken against the defaulters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) constructed one 220/33 K.V. master unit sub-station and eight 33/3.3/0.415 K.V. electrical sub-stations inside the operational area and in Port`s township for feeding power supply to all equipment and to Port`s township as part of Nhava Sheva Port Project under Contract-V-Power Distribution System and Contract-II - Bulk Handling Facility Out of the eight nos. 33/3.3/0.415 K.V. electrical sub-stations, one sub-station was intended to feed power supply to 156 reefer sockets and External Area Lighting System in the vicinity of the sub-station.

(c) to (f) According to information made available by JNPT, construction of a new reefer sub-station was envisaged, based on anticipated traffic and after taking into account the problems in feeding power supply to the newly constructed reefer points from the sub-station constructed at the project stage, long before handing over the sub-station to the contractor. JNPT handed over this sub-station along with 34 mtrs. wide strip of land to the contractor at a total cost of Rs.2 crores for giving access to the sub-station subject to the condition that this strip of land shall be developed as a green belt by them.